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*Note: The indictment is available in PDF format, and may be downloaded  
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## **BREEDEN INDICTED FOR THREATENING FEDERAL JUDGE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a former inmate of the Missouri Department of Corrections has been indicted by a federal grand jury for threatening to assault a federal judge.

**Gregory W. Breeden**, 58, formerly an inmate at the Tipton Correctional Center, was charged in an indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury on Nov. 18, 2004. That indictment was unsealed and made public today following **Breeden's** arrest and initial court appearance. **Breeden** was arrested by federal law enforcement authorities immediately after being released from the state penitentiary at Bowling Green, Mo., where he had been transferred, on Nov. 28, 2004. **Breeden** appeared in U.S. District Court in St. Louis, Mo., today and will be transferred to appear in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Mo.

The indictment alleges that **Breeden** threatened to assault U.S. Magistrate Judge William A. Knox on Aug. 17, 2004. According to the indictment, **Breeden** intended to retaliate against Knox on account of the performance of his official duties. **Breeden** allegedly threatened to strangle Knox.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Missouri Department of Corrections.

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